

the sending and receiving of information to improve health care services or educational services in rural areas, including—

(i) in the case of grants to improve health care services—

(I) consultations between health care providers;

(II) transmitting and analyzing x rays,³ lab slides, and other images;

(III) developing and evaluating automated claims processing, and transmitting automated patient records; and

(IV) developing innovative health professions education programs;

(ii) in the case of grants to improve educational services—

(I) developing innovative education programs and expanding curriculum offerings;

(II) providing continuing education to all members of the community;

(III) providing means for libraries of educational institutions or public libraries to share resources;

(IV) providing the public with access to State and national data bases;

(V) conducting town meetings; and

(VI) covering meetings of agencies of State government; and

(iii) in all cases—

(I) transmitting financial information; and

(II) such other related activities as the Secretary considers to be consistent with the purposes of this section.

(7) Limitation on acquisition of interactive telecommunications equipment

Not more than 40 percent of the amount of any grant made under this subsection may be used to acquire interactive telecommunications end user equipment.

(8) Limitation on use of consultants

Not more than 5 percent of the amount of any grant made under this subsection may be used to employ or contract with any consultant or similar person.

(9) Prohibitions

Grants made under this subsection may not be used, in whole or in part, to establish or operate a telecommunications network or to provide any telecommunications services for hire.

(c) Expedited telephone loans

Local exchange carriers located in a qualified local exchange carrier service area shall be eligible to apply for expedited loans under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.). The Secretary shall respond to a completed application for such a loan no later than 45 days after receipt. The Secretary shall notify the applicant in writing of its decision regarding each such application.

(d) “Qualified local exchange carrier service area” defined

As used in this section, the term “qualified local exchange carrier service area” means the

service area of a local telephone exchange carrier in which the local exchange carrier has a plan approved by the Secretary for upgrading and modernizing the rural telecommunications infrastructure of the service area. The plan shall—

(1) provide for eliminating party line service within the local exchange carrier service area and for other improvements and modernization in rural telephone service;

(2) provide for the enhancement of the availability of educational opportunities or the availability of improved medical care through telecommunications;

(3) encourage and improve the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies to provide educational and medical benefits to people in rural areas; and

(4) provide for the achievement of the goals described in subparagraphs (A) through (C)⁴ not later than 10 years after the approval of the plan.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, §2335A, as added Pub. L. 102-551, §1(a), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4098; amended Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §235(b)(4)(C), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3222.)

TERMINATION OF SECTION

For termination of section by section 1(b) of Pub. L. 102-551, see Termination of Chapter note set out under section 950aaa of this title.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, referred to in subsec. (c), is act May 20, 1936, ch. 432, 49 Stat. 1363, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 31 (§901 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 901 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-354 substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section not to apply to funds appropriated for fiscal year 1993 to carry out subtitle D of title XXIII of Pub. L. 101-624, which enacted this chapter, amended section 1932 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 1932 of this title, or to require revision of any regulation proposed to carry out such subtitle during fiscal year 1993, see section 1(d) of Pub. L. 102-551, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 1992 Amendment note under section 950aaa-4 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 950aaa-4 of this title.

CHAPTER 32—PEANUT STATISTICS

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³ So in original. Probably should be “x-rays”.

⁴ So in original. Probably should be “paragraphs (1) through (3)”.

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§ 951. Collection and publication; facts required; submission of report

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to collect and publish statistics of raw peanuts, shelled, unshelled, and crushed, and peanut oil, in the United States, received, processed, shipped, and owned by or in the possession of warehousemen, brokers, cleaners, shellers, dealers, growers' cooperative associations, crushers, salters, manufacturers of peanut products, and owners other than the original producers of peanuts: *Provided*, That the Secretary may, in his discretion, omit for any period of time to collect such statistics from any or all salters of peanuts or manufacturers of peanut products who used, during the calendar year preceding that for which statistics are being collected, less than thirty thousand pounds of shelled and unshelled peanuts. Such statistics shall show the quality of peanuts in such details as to kinds—Virginias, Runners, Spanish, and imported varieties—as the Secretary shall deem necessary for the purposes of this chapter. All reports shall be submitted monthly in each year, except as otherwise prescribed by the Secretary.

(June 24, 1936, ch. 745, § 1, 49 Stat. 1898; May 12, 1938, ch. 199, § 1, 52 Stat. 348; July 17, 1957, Pub. L. 85-105, § 1, 71 Stat. 306.)

AMENDMENTS

1957—Pub. L. 85-105 struck out "except those required from persons owning or operating peanut picking or threshing machines" after "All reports" in last sentence and inserted "except as otherwise prescribed by the Secretary".

1938—Act May 12, 1938, among other changes, inserted proviso.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 2276 of this title.

§ 952. Repealed. Pub. L. 85-105, § 2, July 17, 1957, 71 Stat. 306

Section, acts June 24, 1936, ch. 745, § 2, 49 Stat. 1899; May 12, 1938, ch. 199, § 2, 52 Stat. 349, related to collection and publication of statistics as to quantity of peanuts picked or threshed by any person owning or operating peanut picking or threshing machines.

§ 953. Reports; by whom made; penalties

It shall be the duty of each warehouseman, broker, cleaner, sheller, dealer, growers' cooperative association, crusher, salter, manufacturer of peanut products, and owner other than the original producer of peanuts to furnish reports, complete and correct to the best of his knowledge, on the quantity of peanuts and peanut oil received, processed, shipped, and owned by him or in his possession. Such reports, when and as requested by the Secretary, shall be furnished within the time prescribed and in accordance with forms provided by him for the purpose. Any person required by this chapter, or the regulations promulgated thereunder, to furnish reports or information, and any officer, agent, or employee thereof, who shall refuse to give such re-

ports or information or shall willfully give answers that are false and misleading, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or be subject to both such fine and imprisonment.

(June 24, 1936, ch. 745, § 3, 49 Stat. 1899; May 12, 1938, ch. 199, § 3, 52 Stat. 349; July 17, 1957, Pub. L. 85-105, § 3, 71 Stat. 306.)

AMENDMENTS

1957—Pub. L. 85-105 amended section generally, and, among other changes, divided first sentence into two sentences, substituting "owner other than the original producer of peanuts" for "owner or operator of peanut picking or threshing machines," and inserted "to give such reports or information" in last sentence.

1938—Act May 12, 1938, among other changes, inserted "crusher, salter, manufacturer of peanut products" after "cooperative association".

§ 954. Grades and standards for classification

The Secretary is authorized to establish and promulgate grades and standards for the classification of peanuts, whenever in his discretion he may see fit.

(June 24, 1936, ch. 745, § 4, 49 Stat. 1899.)

§ 955. Limitation on use of statistical information

The information furnished under the provisions of this chapter shall be used only for the statistical purposes for which it is supplied. No publication shall be made by the Secretary whereby the data furnished by any person can be identified nor shall the Secretary permit anyone other than the sworn employees of the Department of Agriculture to examine the individual reports.

(June 24, 1936, ch. 745, § 5, 49 Stat. 1899.)

§ 956. Rules and regulations; cooperation with departments, etc.; officers and employees; expenses of administration; authorization of appropriations

The Secretary may make rules and regulations as may be necessary in the administration of this chapter and may cooperate with any department or agency of the Government, any State, Territory, District, or possession, or department, agency, or political subdivision thereof, or any person; and shall have the power to appoint, remove, and fix the compensation of such officers and employees not in conflict with existing law, and make such expenditures for rent outside the District of Columbia, printing, binding, telegrams, telephones, law books, books of reference, publications, furniture, stationery, office equipment, travel, and other supplies and expenses, including reporting services, as shall be necessary to the administration of this chapter in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and as may be appropriated for by Congress; and there is authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for such purpose.

(June 24, 1936, ch. 745, § 6, 49 Stat. 1899.)

§ 957. Definitions

When used in this chapter—